



Ham Hum

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The 2021 Nebraska State Track Meet at Burke Stadium was held in May but with a few changes to accommodate COVID-19 protocols. Splitting up the four classes over four days instead of two, Limiting spectators, No Gold-Metal ceremonies on Saturday, No shuttle service from West roads, as well as the cities mask mandate. Still, there were a lot of people coming out to support the athletes. The AARC Ham Radio Operators were on site to relay event results to the Press Box enabling announcements to be transmitted to the 2,500 plus crowd attending the event.



AKSARBEN ARC Club Meeting – May 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM Zoom. There were 27 attendees.

Officers and Board members present included: Pat, W00JU; Howard, AE0Z; Dan, N0POT; Dave, N0JSB; Brian, KE0GKB.

Secretary's Report - Brian, KE0GKB - The minutes were posted in the Ham Hum. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report - Dave, N0JSB - - As of April 30 the club accounts had balances of: Main Checking \$4,891.43, Repeater Checking \$382.60 Savings \$6,995.48, CD Life Member one \$6,526.99, CD Life Member two \$6,780.15, and CD Repeater \$1,113.91 This leaves the balance of all the club accounts at \$26,690.62.

In the month of April there were deposits of \$120.00 From Membership dues.

In the month of April there were expenses of \$491.14 consisting of \$161.14 for annual Zoom Fees, and 330.00 for Ham Hum supplies.

President's Report - Pat, W00JU -

We would like to recognize Keith KE0AEP for his work on the Saturday breakfast gathering at lake Manawa during the summer months.

The 6-Meter EME project is still ongoing, we are waiting on the seller of the antenna to get out of the hospital so we can arrange shipping.

We are still collecting information on the club patch. (See information in Old business.

We are planning a club Picnic in September and we will have more information as it comes closer.

The club is planning to soon begin meetings in person again, This will be a Hybrid meeting in person and on zoom for those that are unable to be with us in person.

Vice President's Report -Howard, AEOZ - no report

Education Committee - Rea NOREA- The club was shown the new member packet that will be given to all new hams.

Membership Committee - Brian KE0GKB presented two new members to the club WB0GXD, Paul Blain and KG5CPR, Jacob Lahmann.

A motion was made by Brian, KE0GKB with a second by John AB0ZT to accept these applications. The motions passed by unanimous vote.

ARES - no report

Satern - No report

Community Service. No report

Repeater - John WB0CMC - There is some noise on the repeater caused by loose connections near the antenna. It does not happen when the tower is wet.

Courtesy committee - Bill KD0FJR A card will be sent to the family of Richard Dennis K0QXO who passed away April 19,2021.

Web Services - we are working on a revamp of the website. If you would like to assist contact Mary at N0TRK@cox.net

Field Day - the club needs a Chair for the field day committee if you are interest in the position, please contact board@aksarbenarc.org.

Please check the ARRL website for the latest rules for this years field day.

Flea Esta - the club needs a Chair for the Flea Esta committee if you are interest in the position, please contact board@aksarbenarc.org.

Publications - no report

Old Business: John ABOZT the new patch design is almost ready we are waiting on more information on pricing for shirts and hats and should be able to give a complete report on pricing at the next club meeting. We are also developing a vinyl patch that members can buy to place on windows or equipment.

New Business: no new business.

For the latest news and announcements please check the website or Facebook.

There being no more business before the club the meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

2021 Field Day Club

The ARRL, because of COVID, has modified the rules for this year's Field Day. As a result, our club will not have a public multi-op multi-transmitter station. KOUSA will be activated by Mary Joseph NOTRK and Pat Joseph KAOCTU and we are looking forward to see a big score from them!

Field day this year is on June 26-27. This year's rules can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day#rules>. Log entries must be postmarked or submitted by Tuesday July 27, 2021.

The Temporary rule waiver for Field Day 2021 only, Class D stations may work all other Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points. Class D stations are "Home stations," including stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations ordinarily may only count contacts made with Class A, B, C, E, and F Field Day stations, but the temporary rule waiver for 2021 allows Class D stations to count contacts with other Class D stations for QSO credit.

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Like last year, we would like to have a combine club score submission. The other Temporary rule waiver For Field Day 2021, is an aggregate club score will also be published, which will be the sum of all individual entries indicating a specific club (similar to the aggregate score totals used in ARRL affiliated club competitions). Ordinarily, club names are only published in the results for Class A and Class F entries, but the temporary rule waiver for 2021 allows participants from any Class to optionally include a single club name with their submitted results following Field Day. For example, if Podunk Hollow Radio Club members Becky, W1BXY, and Hiram, W1AW, both participate in 2021 Field Day -- Hiram from his Class D home station, and Becky from her Class C mobile station -- both can include the radio club's name when reporting their individual results. The published results listing will include individual scores for Hiram and Becky, plus a combined score for all entries identified as Podunk Hollow Radio Club.

Make sure you use "Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club" when you upload your submission. Also email or mail your log to our club secretary Brian Sohl KE0GKB at briansohl@hotmail.com. Again this year we will have certificates and awards for club members who upload or submit their log with the club designation as Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club. This year only we will also have prizes and your accomplishments will be recognized in a future issue of HamHum!!

Ham Radio Websites

It is amazing how ham radio operator like to share. There is a little bit of an "Elmer" in all of us! I am hoping this is new column will become a regular feature of Ham-Hum. We want you to submit your favorite and most used FREE Ham Radio website, besides the Ak-Sar-Ben ARC website. Send me an email with the name of the site, the link, and in 100 words or less why this website is a valuable aid etc. for amateur radio. Space dependent we will try to print at least one submission per month. We are hoping for two or more when space is available. Make sure you send your Name and your call sign with your submission .

My submission to kick off this column is believe or not is the ARRL Kansas Section News at <https://ksarrl.org/deeplink/>. This websites provides links to over 600 amateur radio websites on a enormous number of topics! This websites is well organized, easy to navigate, and is the first place to go when wanting to find new or old information about ham radio!

My favorite technical website if you are interested in mobile operation is K0BJ website at <https://www.k0bg.com/>. Alan Applegate writes in an easy to understand style for both the beginner and expert alike. This comprehensive and up-to-date website is filled with useful accurate information about all aspects of setting up your vehicle for mobile operation. Please note his focus is mainly on HF installation.

My current favorite operating website is PSKreporter at <https://pskreporter.info/pskmap.html>. This website tracks other stations (around the world) that are hearing you on HF/VHF/UHF. All you have to do is send CQ or respond to another stations and those stations that are signed into PSKreporter upload your details automatically. You get all the details in a map format including their call, signal strength, where they are located and details about their station every 15 minutes to 24 hours ago as you specify. It is a great way to find out if the band is opened and who is on it. Submitted by Pat Connell W0OJU

June Club Program Announcement

June's AARC Club presentation is a three member panel presentation on "Valuable and Informative Websites to Improve your Ham Radio Experiences". The panel will be led by Brian Sohl KE0GKB, Terry BegleyKE0OPB and Pat Connell W0OJU. This online zoom demonstration will highlight the merits and a quick demonstrations of each websites.

Last Month's Recap

Last month's club program presentation was on "Grounding" by Dan Buchholz N0POT. I heard from numerous members who appreciated Dan's effort to make a dull technical issue interesting! It was evident that Dan put a lot of thought into this topic and we hope to have a link to it on the club website. If you have a topic that you want to hear more about or if you would like to make a presentation, please reach out Howard Parks AE0Z howard-parks@rocketmail.com.

Club Officers & Board Members

President	Pat Connell	WØOJU	president@aksarbenarc.org
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Area Nets

Monday

- 7:00 PM 145.290 South-West Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.
- 8:00 PM 144.250 NE Missouri SWOT.
- 9:00 PM 146.940 AARC Chat Net. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Omaha, NE.

Tuesday

- 9:00 PM 145.310 Washington Co. ARES Washington Co, NE.

Wednesday

- 7:00 PM 146.670 Dodge Co. ARES Dodge Co, NE.
- 7:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.
- 8:00 PM 3.564 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.
- 8:00 PM 145.310 Saunders Co. ARES Saunders Co, NE.
- 8:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.
- 9:00 PM 3.580.5 PSK Four State QRP Comfortable Net.
- 9:00 PM 146.820 Pottawattamie County ARES Council Bluffs, IA.

Thursday

- 8:30 AM 7.122 CW Four State QRP 40M Morning Net.
- 7:30 PM 145.310- Lincoln/Omaha SATERN Net. Ashland, NE.
- 8:00 PM 28.350 SSB 10-Meter Net.
- 8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.
- 8:00 PM 147.360 Heartland DX Association.

Friday

- 10:00 PM 224.760- Tone 146.2 Promote the Band Net

Saturday

- 12:00 PM 146.82 Swap Net Council Bluffs, IA.
- 8:30 PM 3.921.000 QCWA Chapter 20.

Sunday

- 8:00 AM 3.902.500 Swap Net.
- 8:30 AM 3.897.500 3900 Club.
- 8:30 PM Locally IRLP and the Nebraska IRLP net is heard on:
 - 145.410 - 97.4 PL ABOVX Honey Creek
 - 444.800 + 97.4 PL ABOVX Honey Creek
 - 444.925 + 136.5 PL KOBVC Mondamin
 - 146.745 - 136.5 PL KOBVC Portsmouth
 - 223.580 (Simplex) 100 PL KOOQL North Omaha
- 2:00 PM 50.200 6 Meter Net
- 9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.